

very hastily drafted. They are an edited version of Senator Beyer's and my amendment and he has thrown them in. I'm not at all confident that they are technically correct. I suggested to Senator Haberman that we sit down and, like Senator Beyer and I have done over the last ten days, that we sit down and try and negotiate an agreement to include and exclude those ones that ought to be included and excluded and Senator Haberman declined that. Now he is under no obligation to sit down with me or anybody else. I think it would help to do it that way rather than present hastily written floor amendments, but I think, I judge from Senator Haberman's response that he wants to make a point. He is more interested in making a point with his amendments than he is really, in fact, amending a law to make it work well and to make it all fit together because, obviously, sitting down and having the time to be sure it is technically correct is the way to do it. Now, let me point out the judge retains discretion to grant it. In other words, if someone wants a permit, he's got to show by clear and convincing evidence, number one, that he has to have the vehicle in the normal course of his employment and, number two, that he will lose his job if the permit is not issued. But it is still up to the judge to grant it or deny it and I think in an emergency vehicle situation perhaps and a municipal bus situation a judge will turn it down. But I think the way these are being presented by Senator Haberman, one after the other, really intended to weaken the bill, intended to create confusion, intending perhaps to make it defective, it's really not something that those of us that are in favor of this bill can support and I'd urge you to vote against it. Now, once again, this is a very carefully crafted bill. It came out of the Judiciary Committee unanimously. We had support across the board in the Judiciary Committee for this for the limited concept and we're trying to hold that together. We're trying to keep off attacks from the left, we're trying to keep off attacks from the right, we're trying to keep off amendments that are intended to trash it up or to make a point, we're trying to keep off the crash and burn amendments and Senator Haberman's amendment has superficial appeal. I'll acknowledge that, but if he wants to do it, let's sit down and negotiate it. Let's not do it this way and I would urge you to reject this amendment and his subsequent amendments where he is taking one issue after the other, again, to make a point here on the floor, not a really serious attempt to make this thing work or make it operate better than that.